


Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)		Complete if Known				
		Application Number	Not Yet Assigned 10/620,801			
		Filing Date	July 17, 2003			
		First Named Inventor	Josef APPEL et al			
		Art Unit	Not Yet Assigned			
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned					
Attorney Docket Number	028811-29					
Sheet	1	of	1			
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patent or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
TU		US-5,764,008	06/09/1998	Hahn et al		
		US-6,076,886	06/20/2000	Petri et al		
		US-6,070,116	05/30/2000	Pruessel et al		
		US-6,573,676 B1	06/03/2003	Klesing		
		US-				
		US-				
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patent or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
TU		DE 198 40 164 A1	03/16/2000			W/Abstract
		DE 198 16 054 A1	10/22/1998			W/Abstract
		DE 198 40 163 A1	03/16/2000			W/Abstract
		DE 199 31 014 A1	11/09/2000			W/Abstract
		DE 33 29 986 A1	02/28/1985			W/Abstract
		DE 37 31 428 A1	04/06/1989			W/Abstract
		DE 41 19 579 A1	12/17/1992			W/Abstract
		DE 195 07 541 C1	02/29/1996			W/Abstract
		DE 197 50 711 C2	09/02/1999			W/Abstract
		DE 196 18 219 A1	11/13/1997			W/Abstract
		DE 100 43 099 A1	03/28/2002			W/Abstract
		DE 198 40 161 A1	03/16/2000			W/Abstract
		DE 198 40 162 A1	03/16/2000			W/Abstract
		DE 199 20 090 A1	11/09/2000			W/Abstract
		EPO 0 066 750 B1	12/15/1985			English
	DE 198 16 736 C2	11/08/2001			W/Abstract	
	DE 199 59 990 A1	06/08/2000			W/Abstract	
OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.				T ⁶
Examiner Signature					Date Considered	12/21/04

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.